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Anaconda Goes Over the Top on War Bonds!



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Here is one of the first photographs of the Japanese attack on Dutch Harbor. Those are Marines on the "alert" in the foreground; those are American fuel tanks in the background, set afire by Jap dive-bombers. This country of

ours is getting the hell kicked out of it; the reason we don't hit back as hard as we should is because we don't have the stuff to hit back with. We won't win the war unless and until we get it.

Don't Tell It to the Marines . . . LET THE MARINES TELL US!

A statement written expressly for COPPER COMMANDO

WHEREVER Marines fight, they take copper with them—in cartridges, in shells, in bombs, in planes, in tanks, in communication systems.

Tons of copper are needed when the Marines fight an engagement, such as Wake Island, Midway or the Solomons.

American "Soldiers of the Sea" have overcome heavy odds with few weapons and little ammunition.

But the bravest men cannot win wars without weapons. They need guns and tanks and planes. To have these there must be copper—plenty of copper.

There is only one real source of copper. It is you, the miners and smeltermen and refiners. Unless you produce copper, none of our fighting men can use it, no matter how much there may be in the mines.

Will you send enough copper to produce enough weapons to enable the Marines to retake Wake, to drive the Japs back to Tokyo and there crush them?

(Signed) ROBERT L. DENIG,
Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps.





COPPER COMMANDO is the official newspaper of the Labor-Management Committees at Butte, Anaconda and Great Falls, of the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. It is the first Labor-Management publication in the United States.

Its object is to bring Labor and Management together in a bond of common interest so that, seeing alike, we can all help win the war. It is sent without charge to every employee of the Company. If an employee doesn't get it, he should let us know so we can see that he does.

The affairs of **COPPER COMMANDO** are handled by representatives of Labor and Management—six from Labor and three from Management.

The editors try to do an earnest and honest job in presenting the true picture of our industry in its relation to the war, in the belief that we all love our country and are willing to fight for it.

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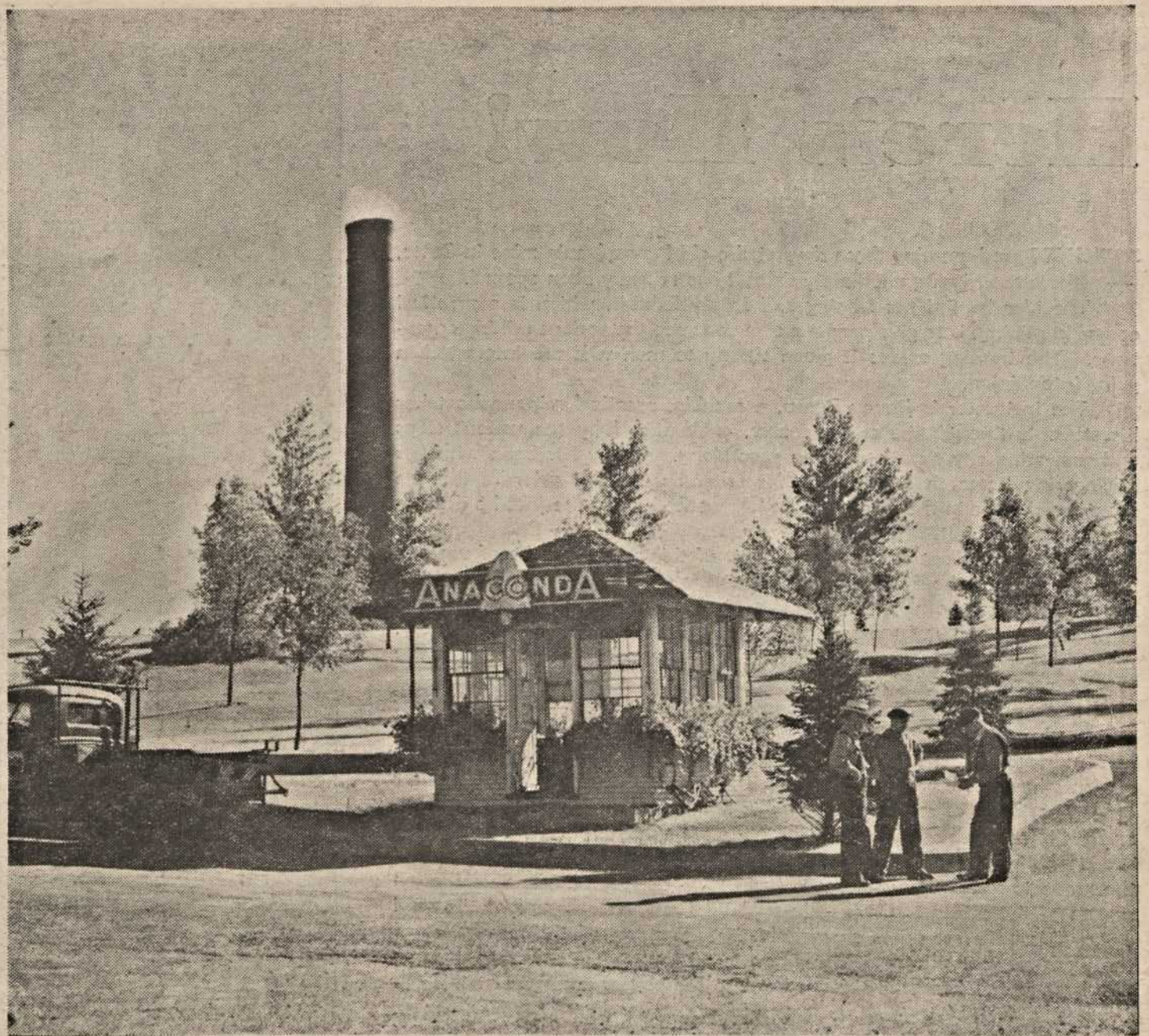
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Certainly nothing could be more fitting than that **COPPER COMMANDO** should pay tribute to the real thing—the Commandos who form so important an arm of the war effort. These are pictures of American Commandos—or Rangers, as they are called—in action.

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Now of all times we must safeguard our lives and property against needless fires. Losses from fires last year were staggering. Read this report and see for yourself how important it is that all of us take no chances with fire.

Pictures in this issue, unless from government sources, are by Bob Nesmith. Bob is now forming a Camera Club—you camera bugs will be hearing more about it soon.



Here's How!

THINGS are humming these days at the old Pennsylvania mine in Butte, where the Mining and Safety Exhibit has recently been opened.

The idea behind the Mining and Safety Exhibit, which is a practical course in mining, is to give people a chance to see the various mining operations. The training course is given chiefly to men who are interested in going into mining.

The instructor is Jimmy Doran, a capable, practical miner who takes his students through the entire course, explaining fully the various steps and answering any questions as he goes along. Jimmy has been with the Engineering Research Department for several years but prior to that he spent many years in the mines and he has worked on all the jobs he demonstrates at the Exhibit.

When it was decided that an exhibit of this sort would be of use and interest, some of the surface properties at the old Pennsylvania Mine were altered to house the necessary equipment. The Carpenter Shop has been remodeled and many of the operations shown have been set up in the Shop.

The Exhibit lays great stress on safety throughout; at almost every stage the safe way of doing an operation is stressed. The Exhibit starts with a discussion of the bulletin board and Safety First. A good deal of time and attention is given to the best and safest way of handling ore cars and loading from chutes; the cars are brought into the open and the students have an opportunity to look them over thoroughly. The matter of transportation of ore below ground is thoroughly explained to the group, and the importance stressed of moving the ore safely and efficiently.

Handling timber, it is explained, is an important part of mining and the group is shown how timber is handled underground. The ventilation system of the mines is thoroughly explained, and at one end of the yard a door has been set up to show how the doors control the movement of the fresh air in the mine. The group is advised to act safely in opening the doors and to heed the signs, otherwise the proper passage of air is obstructed.

The Exhibit goes on to show exactly how drilling is done. At one point Jimmy shows how to drill a vertical hole in a stope with a "buzzie," a type of drill.

In the Exhibit Room Jimmy describes to the group the use and care of explosives. An interesting diagram shows angles and depths of holes in a drift round, as well as the method of blasting. A demonstration is given as to how a mechanical loader "mucks" out a round, and also how rock is scraped in a stope.

The new Exhibit has attracted a great deal of attention since it opened; interested men from all parts of the country visit the Exhibit and take the course, which is free of charge, and report at the end of the day that they have really gotten a good visual grasp of mining. Many of them are prepared at that point to move on to the student stopes at the various mines on the Hill. Here they get more practical experience in mining through doing the actual work themselves.

The Exhibit attracts men not only from different parts of the country but also from many different industries. For example, we found visiting the Exhibit H. C. Mohler. He is a civil engineer from West Virginia and has come to the Butte area to get some mining experience.

F. Tozer came here from California, where he was studying to be a mining engineer. He has had some gold mining experience but no copper mining experience. He plans to get some background in copper mining and he hopes at the same time to save some of his earnings so that he can complete his schooling.

John Clark came here from San Francisco. He has had no mining experience but is anxious to see how copper mining is done. Another visitor was F. E. McCracken, who came here from Rapid City, South Dakota. He worked at the airport there and has developed an interest in mining.

Weldon Thomas used to work in this area but returned to his home in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, last May. The mining urge got him again and he has returned to Butte.

Ben Brewer and his brother Phillip hail from Rapid City, South Dakota. Neither has had any mining experience but both are interested in gaining some—Ben worked in a sawmill before coming here while Phillip drove a school bus.

In every group we find miners from the Hill who have heard of the Exhibit and are interested in seeing what it is like. Many of them say they wish they had been able to take such a course before they started actual mining, and declare that this Exhibit is most helpful to them. One miner said: "This is really a swell thing for a miner who has been working pretty much at the same operation for a long time. I always had a fair idea of the various steps, but I never knew many of the reasons behind the operations. This is a course every miner should take on his first day off, because he will find that it is not only helpful but very interesting, too."

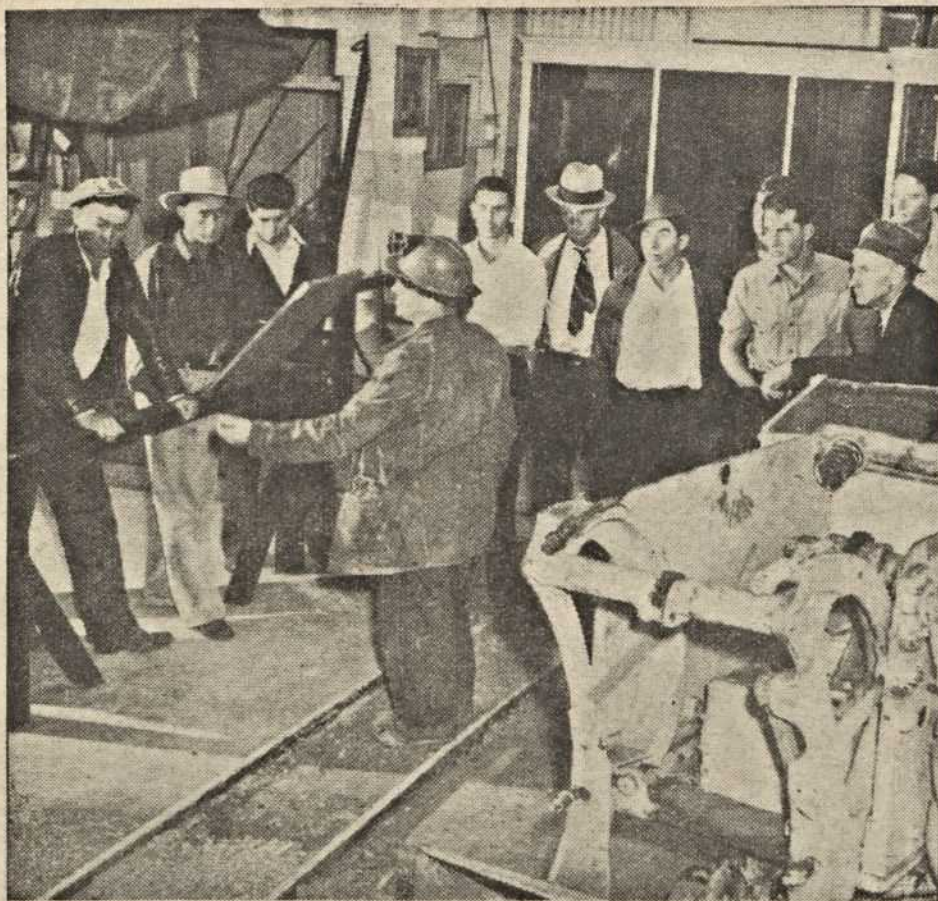
The visitors, many of whom will help out in the battle of production, seem to feel that the course will help them a great deal in getting a good grasp of the operations. They all seem anxious to move along to the student stopes and to learn more about mining.

The Exhibit and the course of instruction were created primarily to assist in the effort to train new men as efficient miners who can help increase the production of the much-needed copper.

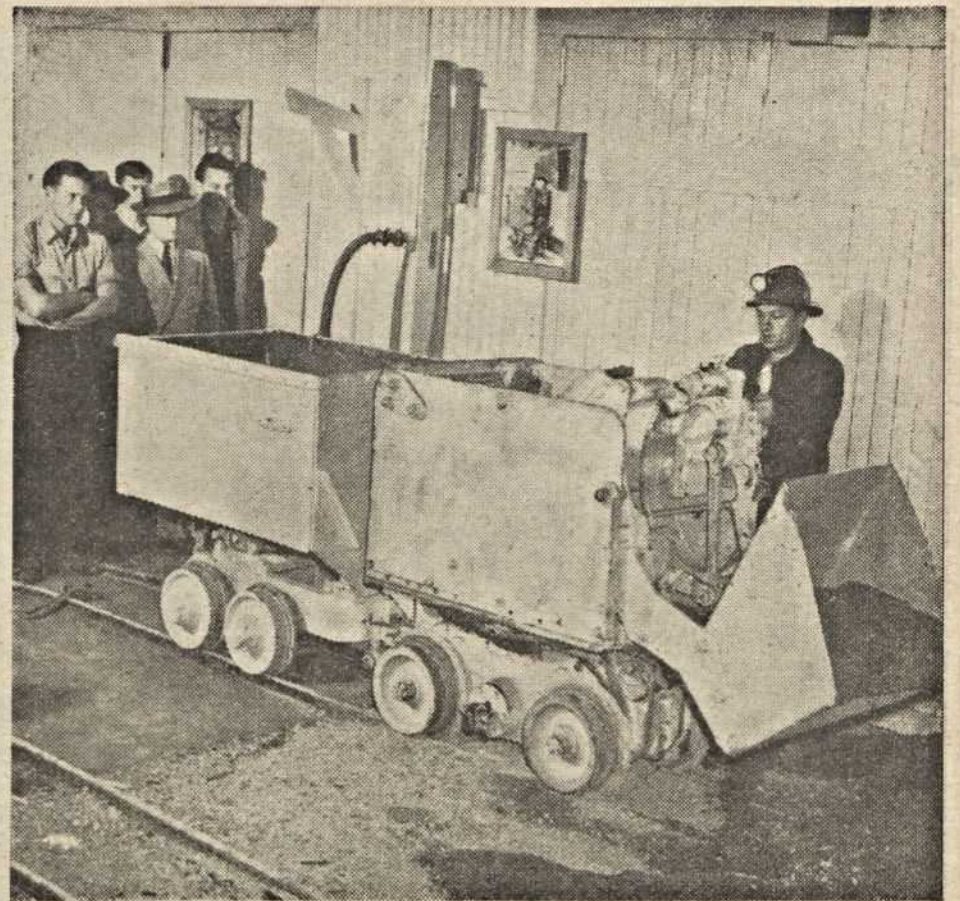


At the top, drilling a vertical hole in a stope with a "buzzie," a type of drill. The model partly shown behind Jimmy illustrates angles and depth of holes for a "breast" round. Good tracks are one of the important factors of getting the copper to Uncle Sam without wrecks and delays. In the picture below Jimmy exhibits a "grade" stick for installing the rails at the proper grade.

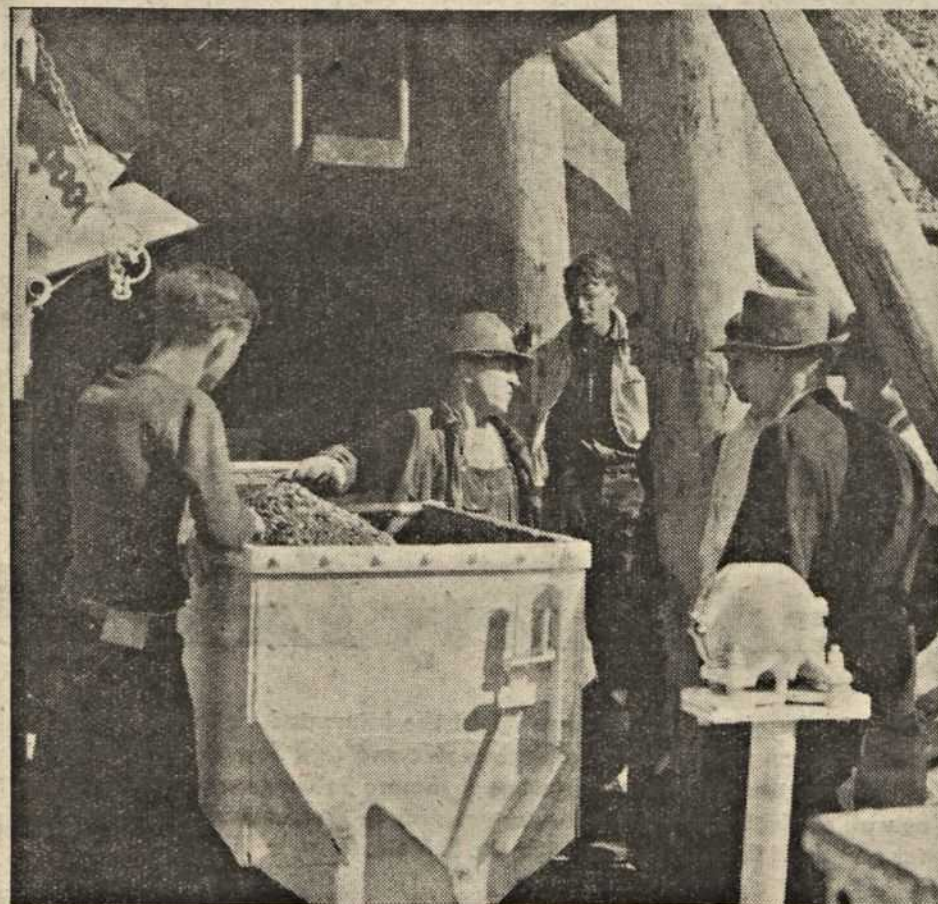




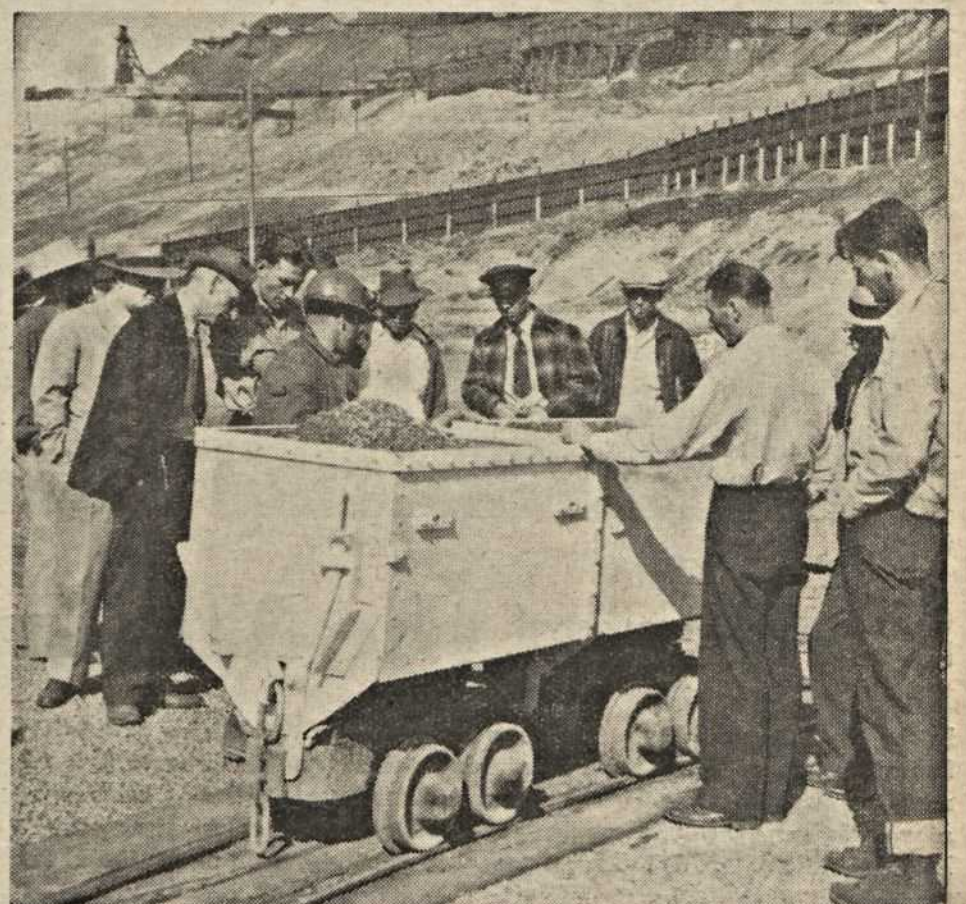
Instructor Jimmy Doran stresses the importance of safety



Demonstrating how a mechanical loader "mucks out a round"



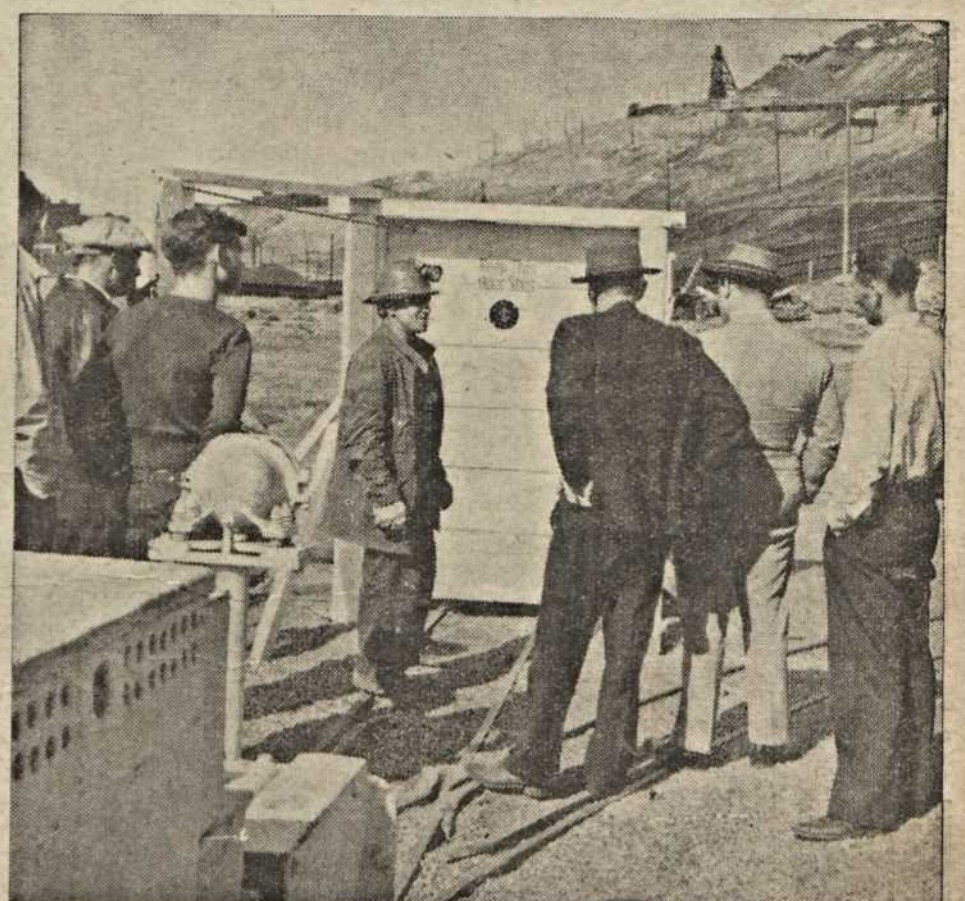
Describing the operations of loading ore from a chute



Pointing out the safest and best way of handling cars



How the timber is transported on the trucks underground



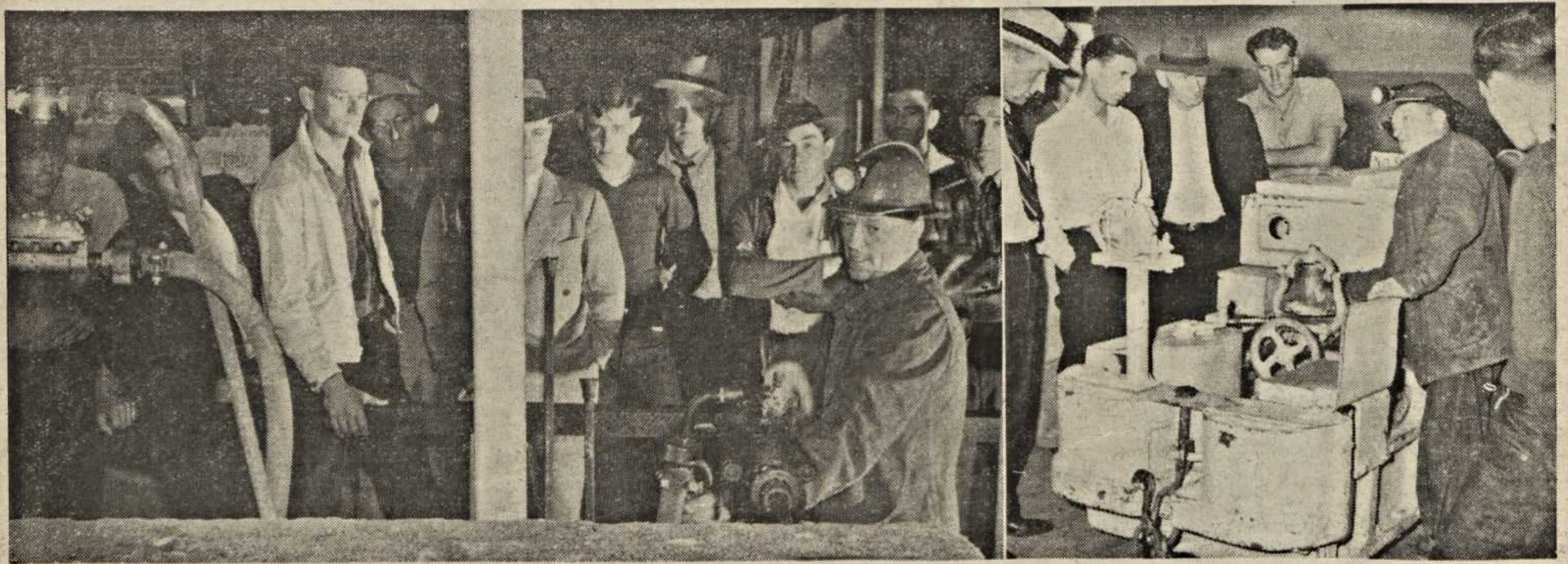
Doors control the movement of the fresh air in the mine



Scenes at the Mining and Safety Exhibit

In the large picture above, the group of visitors to the Mining and Safety Exhibit are shown the use and care of explosives. In the background is the model which shows the various angles and depths of holes in a drift round as well as the method of blasting. In the picture below at left, Jimmy shows how the "drifter" drills the holes shown in the illustration at the top of the

page; in the picture at the lower right the interested visitors to the Exhibit are shown an underground haulage motor and told how this important machine operates in the transportation of the ore below ground. Butte miners, as well as visitors to the section, are coming in greater numbers every day to take a "short course" in mining at the Exhibit.





Anaconda Goes Over the Top

With a whirlwind finish the folks at Anaconda have hung up a record for 100% purchase of War Bonds and Stamps. Here's a pat on the back for every person on the team—it's the best kind of team there is!

THE Anaconda Reduction Plant at Anaconda went thundering over the top with a 100 per cent record for the purchase of war bonds on September 23. This record, which means that every person on the Anaconda payroll is buying War Bonds under the Payroll Deduction Plan, is a tremendous credit to every person in the organization there.

Purchase of Bonds under the Plan was started in February on a purely voluntary basis. Soon after the organization of the Victory Labor-Management program, the matter of War Bond subscriptions was studied at meetings of the Central Committee and the various Departmental Committees.

The groups were so interested in the movement that it was possible to pass along the word regarding Bond purchases quickly and efficiently.

During July the Lead Shop reached 100 per cent and at a later meeting of the Central Committee the foreman of the Department was presented with a Minute Man flag, indicating that all members were Bond purchasers under the Plan. At this time a program for presenting a flag to each department when 100 per cent of its personnel became subscribers was adopted by the Central Committee and word carried back to Departmental Committees for direct action.

The enthusiasm of all Anaconda people was fired by the sight of the first Minute Man flag, and employees throughout the plant pitched in, like a football team where all the players pull together. This was a team of more than 3,000 men hammering away in an effort to get 90 per cent subscribers for the plant as a whole, which entitled the plant to fly a Minute Man flag beneath Old Glory on the flagpole at the main entrance. This goal was reached and passed on August 21 and the Minute Man flag hoisted on that day.

COPPER COMMANDO gladly publishes the list in the adjoining column of War Bond subscribers, by departments, at the Anaconda plant. The people of Anaconda have done a splendid job in boosting their War Bond sales to the 100 per cent mark. But everyone at Anaconda realizes that the chief aim is to maintain this excellent record and not allow it to fall. Competition has been at fever pitch during the past several weeks among the three locations, but Anaconda came out on top with the prize. However, as we go to press we learn that Great Falls is not far behind with a percentage which gives the folks at Great Falls every reason to be proud. We have a hunch, however, that the Great Falls people will not be content to be less than 100 per cent. The drive continues at Butte also and COPPER COMMANDO hopes within the next few issues to report a smashing record for the entire three locations.

HERE'S THE SCORE!

Anaconda Reduction Department

September 23, 1942

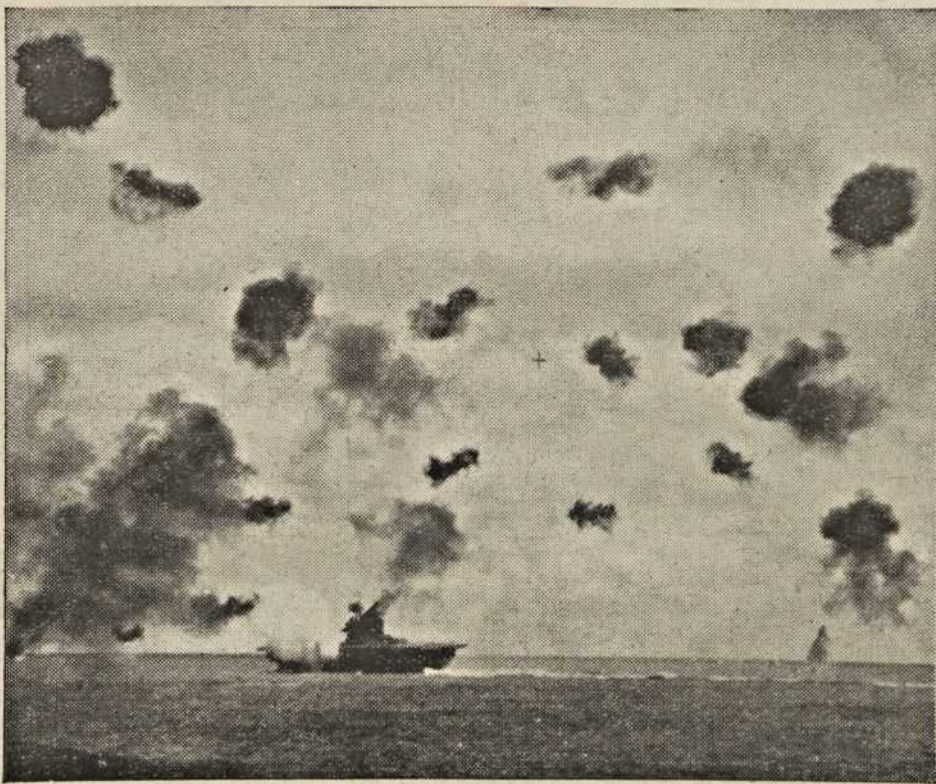
Department	Subscribers	Non-Subscribers	Per Cent Subscribers
1—Acid Plant	28	0	100%
2—Arsenic Roaster	29	0	100%
3—Arsenic Refinery	39	0	100%
4—Blacksmith Shop	20	0	100%
5—Boilermakers	27	0	100%
6—Brick Yard	15	0	100%
7—Carpenter Shop	102	0	100%
8—Civil Engineers	6	0	100%
9—Concentrator	545	0	100%
10—Converters	241	0	100%
11—Drafting Office	13	0	100%
12—Electric Shop	82	0	100%
13—Fire & Watch Shop	32	0	100%
FOUNDRY			
14—Blax Shop	15	0	100%
15—Boiler Shop	21	0	100%
16—Machine Shop	53	0	100%
17—M. & S.	26	0	100%
18—Molding Shop	90	0	100%
19—Office	19	0	100%
20—Pattern Shop	4	0	100%
21—Garage	32	0	100%
22—General Lab	39	0	100%
23—General Office	44	0	100%
24—Iron Workers	55	0	100%
25—Janitors (G. O.)	8	0	100%
26—Lab Sample Mill	30	0	100%
27—Lead Shop	17	0	100%
28—Machine Shop	76	0	100%
29—Main Flue	25	0	100%
30—Main Treaters	38	0	100%
31—Manganese Kiln	31	0	100%
32—Masons	80	0	100%
33—Mechanical Dept.	4	0	100%
34—Metallurgical Acc't	15	0	100%
35—Miscellaneous	14	0	100%
36—Paint Shop	23	0	100%
37—Parks	18	0	100%
38—Phosphate	108	0	100%
39—Pipe Shop	66	0	100%
40—Power House	54	0	100%
41—Quarry	10	0	100%
42—Research	30	0	100%
43—Reverberatory	99	0	100%
44—Roaster No. 2	125	0	100%
45—Safety Office	7	0	100%
46—Slag	40	0	100%
47—Street Railway	29	0	100%
48—Surface	176	0	100%
49—Tailings	11	0	100%
50—Telephone Office	6	0	100%
51—Time Office	36	0	100%
52—Tin Shop	6	0	100%
53—Tram	134	0	100%
54—Vanadium	8	0	100%
55—Watchmen (Special)	51	0	100%
56—Water Supply	32	0	100%
57—Welding Shop	31	0	100%
58—Zinc Casting	46	0	100%
59—Zinc Leaching	88	0	100%
60—Zinc Tank House	135	0	100%
TOTAL	3284	0	100%



A DYING JAP SPEAKS...

This Jap soldier, fatally wounded, lies on the battlefield while a humane American soldier gives him a drink of water. Here in his dying moments, the Jap soldier gasps out his scorn for our country and our people. Read what he says on the opposite page. Look at the five pictures of American properties in ruins. A lot of what he says is hard to take, for the Japs consider us soft

and weak and easy to conquer. But if there is any truth in what he says, let's profit by it. So far the Japs have licked us almost to a standstill. Are we going to let them conquer us because we lack the good sense to get fighting mad? Are we going to let this dying Jap's last burning words come true? Are we going to let them tear down the Stars and Stripes?



A Dying Jap Speaks

LOOK, I'm dying. One of you miserable Americans put a bullet into my insides. What did I ever do to you? I stabbed behind the back, of course. I tortured prisoners. I assaulted captive women, dozens of them, and if I'd lived to get to your country I would have invaded YOUR home and done the same thing.

I almost did get there. My people believe we'll STILL get there. Because you Americans don't realize we Japs have been planning this war for years. Even today we work at war twenty-four hours a day. You people still play, still laugh, still think lightning can't strike you. You fall to fighting among yourselves, but when we take over your country, you'll give up your right to fight among yourselves. We Japs will tell you what to do, and how much you will be paid for doing it, if anything. And if you protest about it, we'll shoot you down with your hands tied behind you, and let you rot in ditches. Because we hate your guts, you Americans. The only thing we like about you is that you never get worried about anything. That's what will make you easy to conquer.

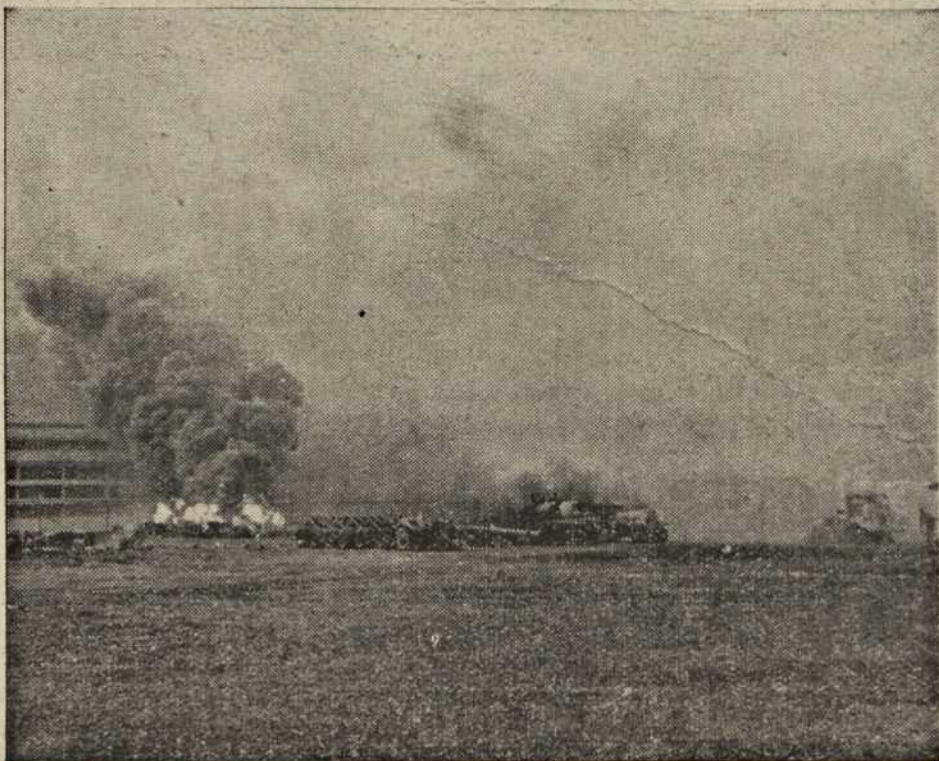
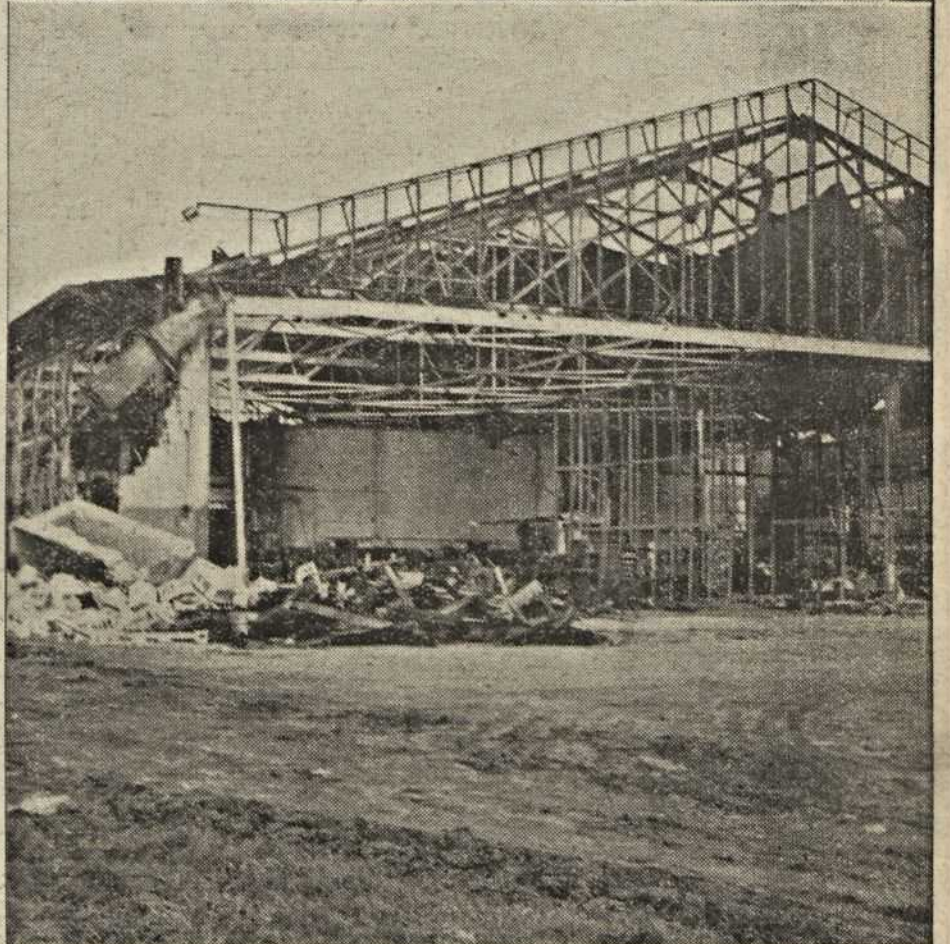
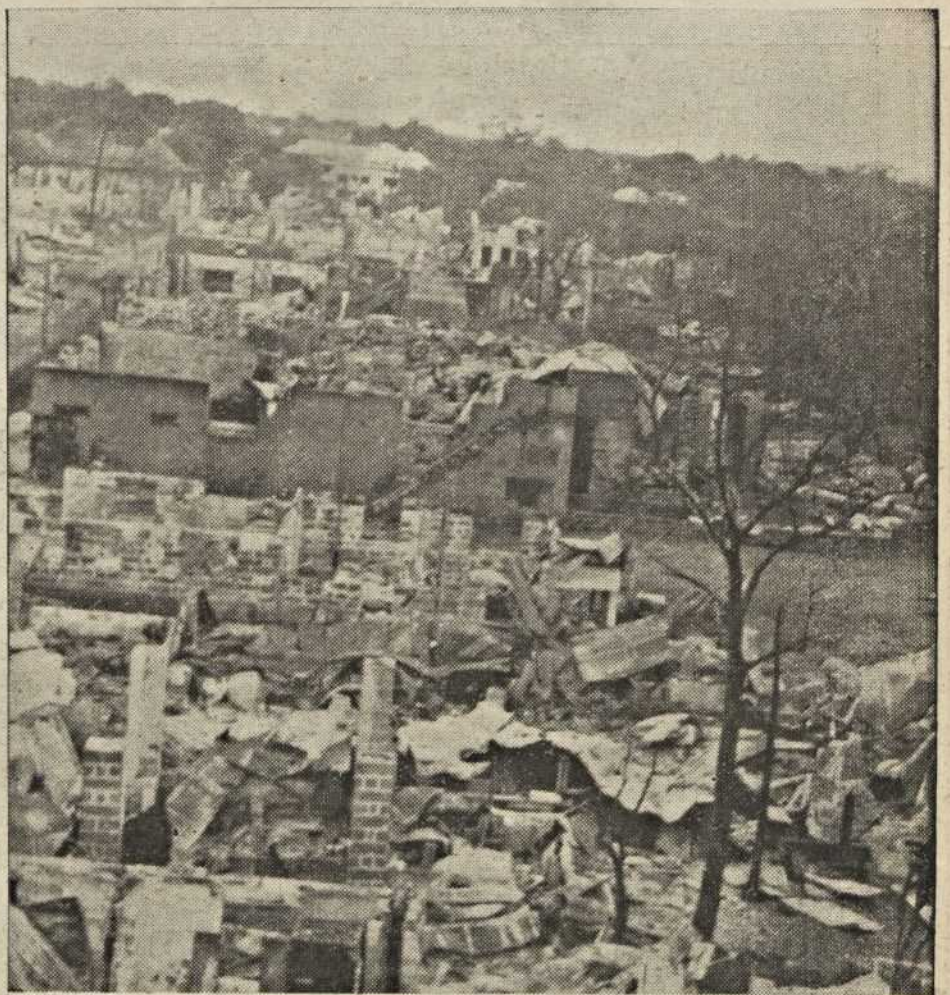
You send your soldiers into battle with scant equipment, and we shoot them down like dogs. You don't have enough planes, and those you do have we wipe out of the air. You are willing not only to let your soldiers and sailors fight for you; you waste time in giving them the things they need to fight WITH. How many Americans have already died with the thought that their country let them down! How many American fighting men are starving in our prisons in Japan!

So go on—waste time, fight among yourselves, slow down the wheels of production. Let your men go to war half-equipped, so we can slaughter them. Keep calm about the war—keep on figuring it will never reach you. You'll be just that much easier to conquer when the time comes.

The American soldier who shot me risked his life to do it. I would have killed him first if I could. If he had more bullets, he would have killed more Japs. If his countrymen were solidly behind him, many of us sons of Heaven would be lying in our blood, just as I am.

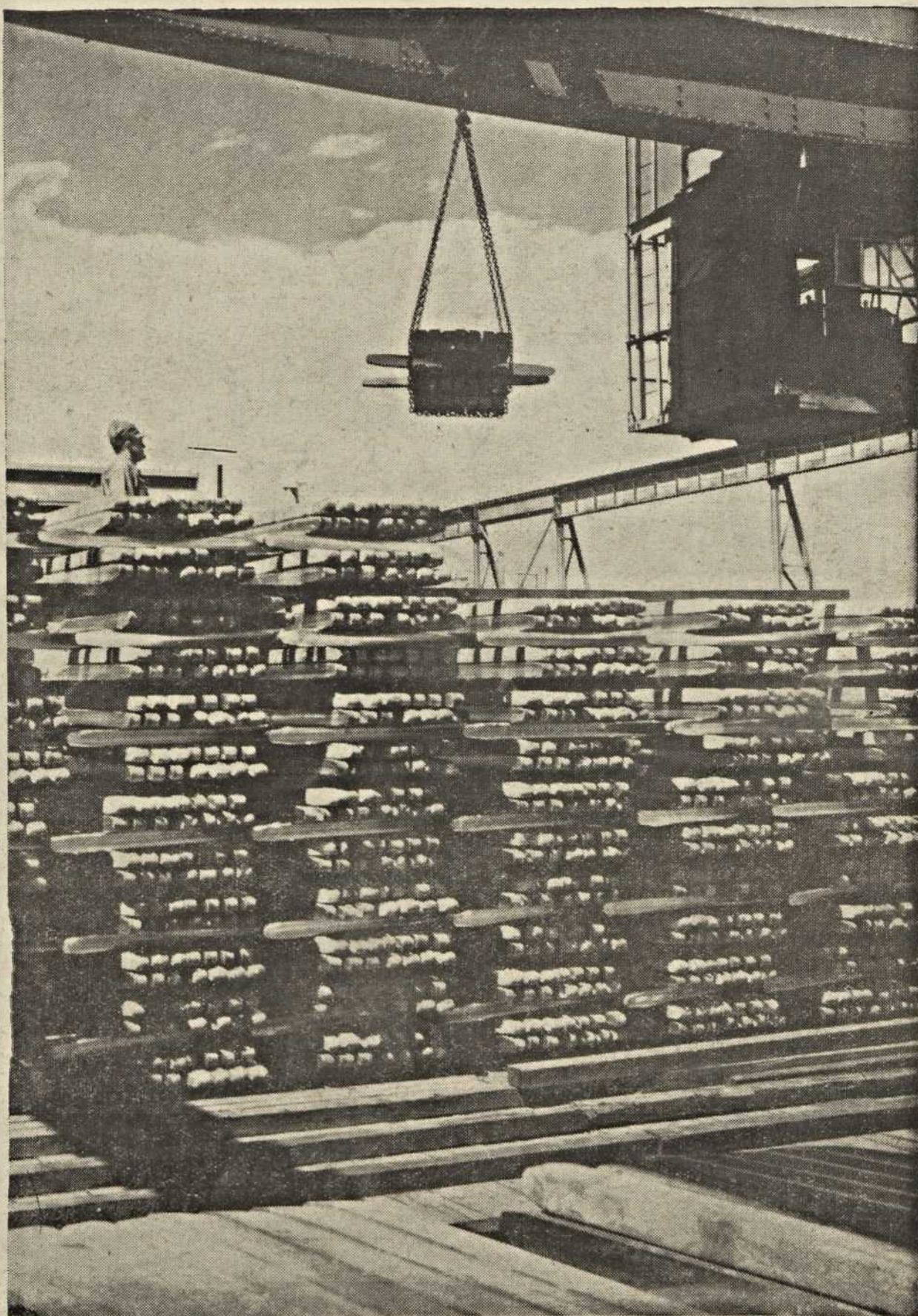
But you're not backing him up, you Americans. You don't get mad about war. A lot of you don't know there IS a war.

You talk a lot about your country, and how wonderful it is. To us Japs that's funny, because so few of you do so little to preserve it. You don't know what I mean, but the day is coming when you will. For **UNLESS YOU SUPPLY YOUR MEN** with the materials they need to fight for your country, you will soon have no country left.





THE CRY FOR COPPER



Loading wire bars at Great Falls

THERE is scarcely a single unit of military equipment than can be mentioned which does not require copper. The great demand for copper to aid the American war effort, as most of us know, is because copper is needed in so many different war materials.

It is hard for many of us to realize how important copper is, because after all we do not work on the final materials ourselves. That is why it is easy for an assembler in a bomber plant who is actually working on a bomber, and seeing it take form before his eyes, to see himself in close relation to the war. Another worker who makes the final adjustments on machine guns and sees them hurried away for use by the troops knows darned well that he is doing something to win the war.

We in the copper industry must remember that, while we do not see the final piece of armament before us as we work, the results of our efforts go into more materials of war by far than those of the worker in the average war production plant.

Let's take a look at these wire bars about to be shipped from Great Falls for conversion to military uses. All of us have had a hand in the creation of these wire bars, which are now on their way to factories all over the United States, where they will be quickly turned into vital parts for American war machinery. The miner in Butte has dug the ore from which the copper is to be extracted; the smelterman at Anaconda has smelted the ore for refining; in the refineries at Great Falls, the anodes from Anaconda are converted into purest copper for Uncle Sam.

All along the line every one of us is helping to produce war materials—electricians, carpenters, blacksmiths, maintenance and repair men of all kinds are doing their share.

We are among the **MOST** important workers in the American war effort today. We are not working simply on guns nor on planes nor battleships—we are working on **ALL** of these and many more besides.

The fellow who works on a battleship is important. The fellow who builds tanks is important. The fellow who works on bombers or sub-

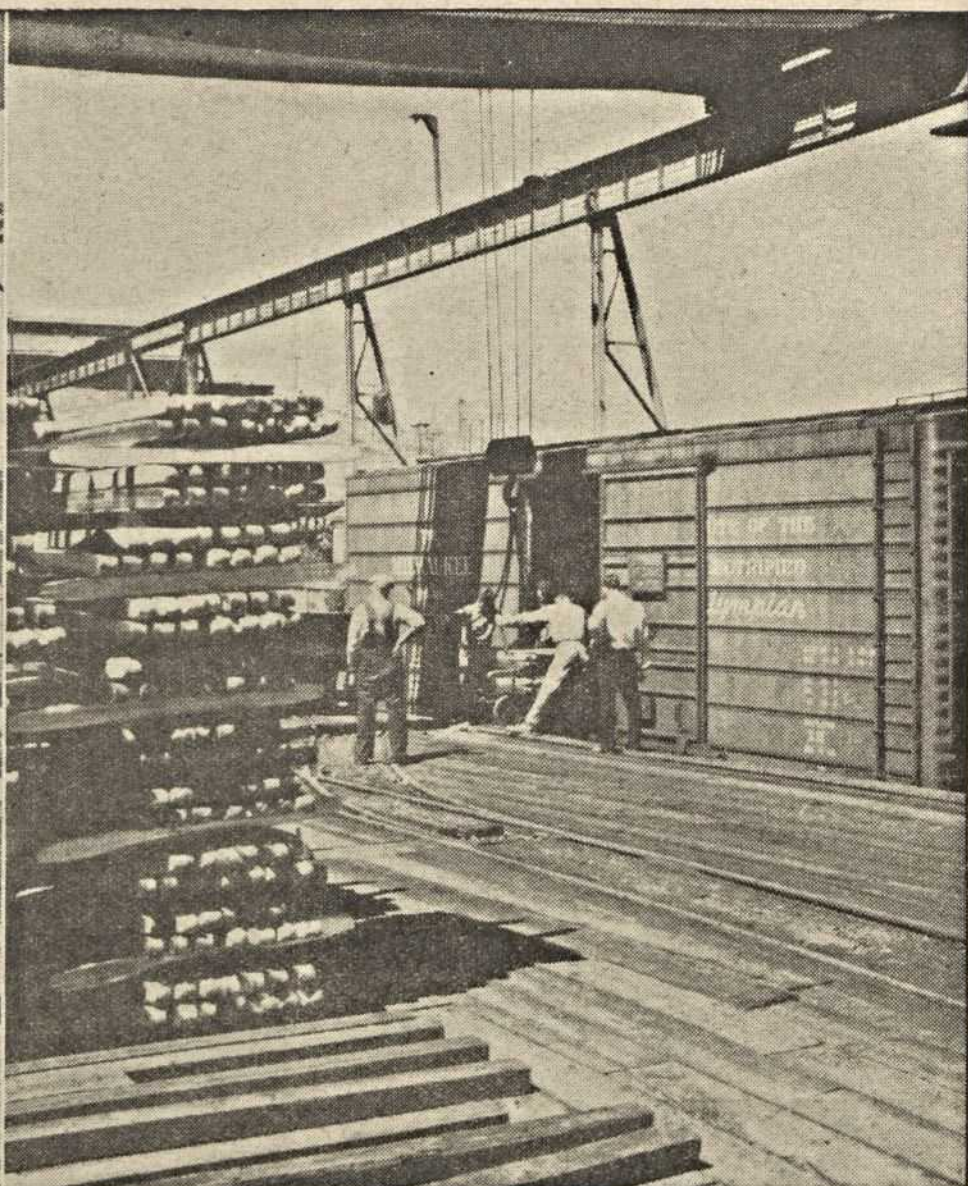
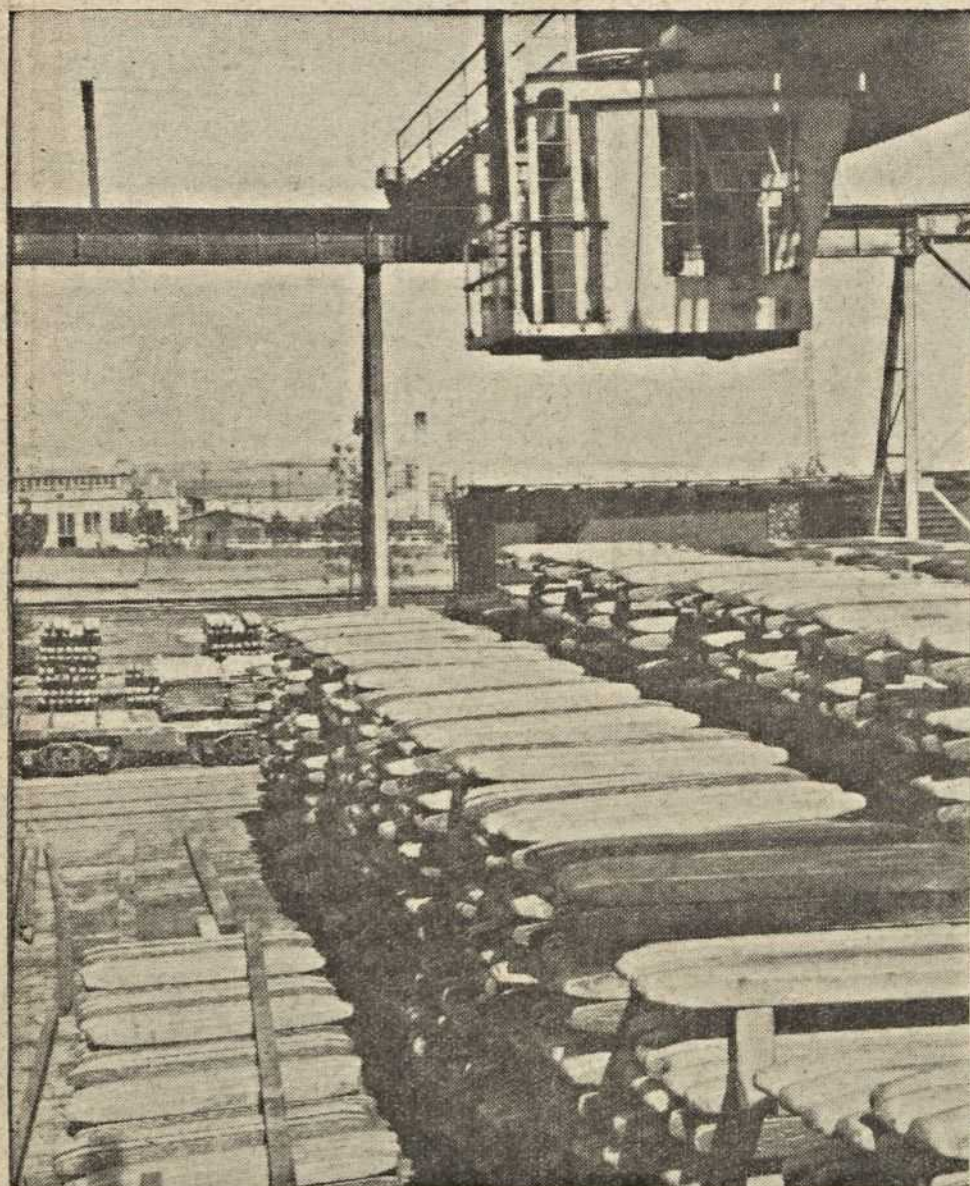
marines is important. But not one of them is any more important than the fellow who works in the copper industry, for the copper industry supplies materials to all the other workers and all the other workers depend upon the copper industry for their own production.

A man working in a shipyard might say to a miner: "My work in this war is very important. Every few weeks we send another destroyer sliding down the ways. This destroyer is something I have built, along with other men, with my own hands and I am giving a lot to the war effort because I can see the results of my work." The wise miner or smelterman or refiner can truthfully say in reply: "Sure, your work is important, but it is not any more important than ours, for we supply to you the materials you need to build that destroyer. If we do not supply the materials to you, you can't build them."

That's what makes workers in this industry important, but that is also why it is so **VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP UP OUR END OF THE JOB**. If we win this war, the men of the copper industry must take for themselves a great share of the credit for having won it. But if our country loses it, we must then accept a great share of the blame. Let us all think of ourselves as important. Let us all think of ourselves as people upon whom the future of our country depends just as much as the soldiers and sailors and aviators and marines who are risking their lives every day to keep this country secure for us.

Let us look again at these pictures of wire bars leaving Great Falls. Let us take pride in the fact that here are vital materials of war which we have helped build with our own hands and remember that in these bars is one of the most vital products of a successful war effort. The next time we see a picture of a bomber or battleship or tank or submarine, let us make a mental note of the fact that the ore we have dug out of the ground and smelted and refined has helped produce these things.

No shipbuilder, no gunmaker, no worker in a plane factory has a job any more vital than ours.



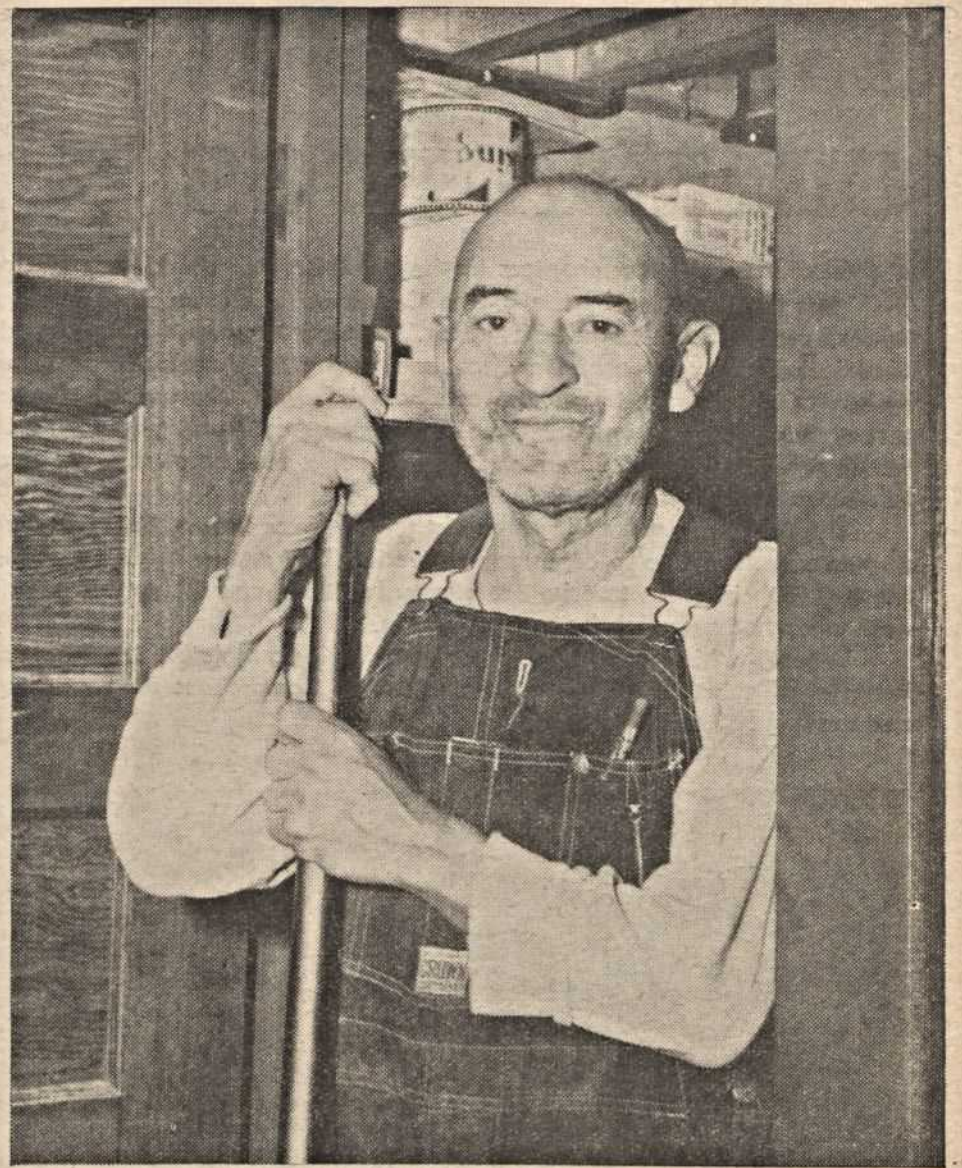
THE race between Anaconda and Great Falls for one hundred per cent representation in the purchase of War Bonds has been hot and heavy. While Anaconda has nosed Great Falls out by a scant margin, the boys and girls at Great Falls have done a remarkably good job in the purchase of Bonds.

At Great Falls the system of flag distribution is a little bit different from that at Anaconda—at Great Falls the pennant or burgee flies above the water tower, and on a recent visit there we were able to get a picture of this burgee.

The Great Falls record shows that out of 1,782 total employees only eighteen at last report were not buying Bonds. We figure it won't be long before these eighteen people are on the band wagon buying Bonds and Stamps so that Great Falls, too, can go over the top.

Don't forget that it is one thing to win the burgee, and it is another thing to keep it. We must all keep buying Bonds regularly and try not only to allot ten per cent of our wages each week to the purchase of War Bonds but also to buy as many more as we can possibly afford. Only in this way can we hope to put the Axis where it belongs.





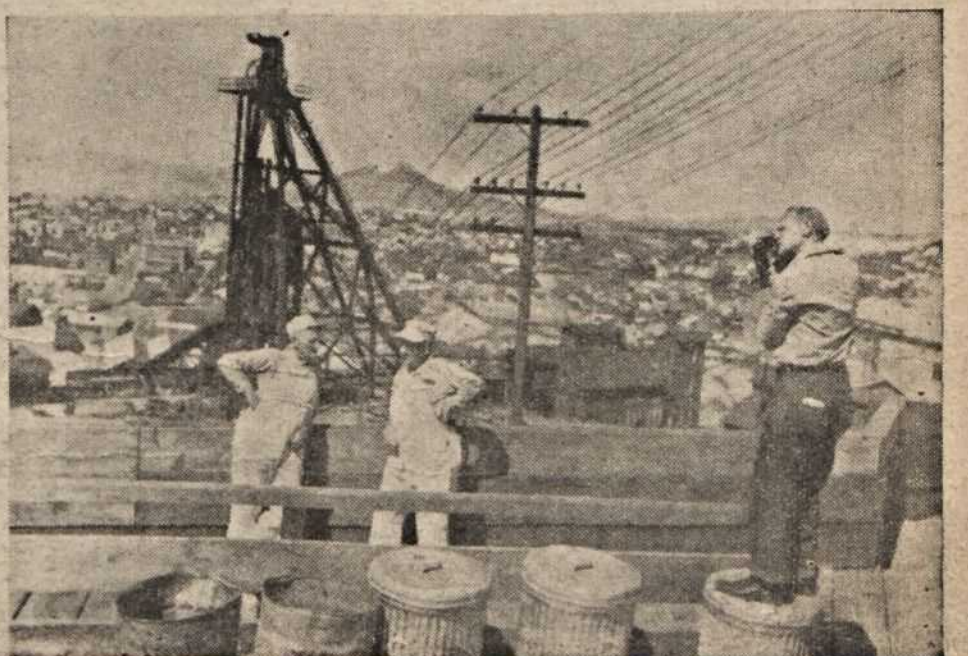
OUR photographers have been busy the past couple of weeks, and among the pictures they turned into the office we found a few random shots we thought you'd like to see.

Directly above is Rufo Narvaez, who at one time was a jockey for Marcus Daly. He has a great many interesting stories to tell of the early times in this section. He is now located at the Mountain Con Mine. All the boys know Rufo and enjoy chinning with him about the old days.

When a fellow takes a job on the Editorial Board of **COPPER COMMANDO** he has to dig in and dig up stories. One of our best news sleuths is Tom Murray, head of the Mill and Smeltermen's Union at Anaconda, who never lets a good yarn get by. The other day we got a picture of him interviewing Pat Conlon at the New Converters in Anaconda. (That's a picture of the two of them at the upper left). Pat, with the pipe in his mouth, is telling Tom of some of his experiences as an athlete. Pat played Gaelic football and soccer in the old country and kept right at it after he got over here. Tom tells us that Pat is still as strong as an ox and that the young fellows better not get tough with him.

In the picture at left John Epperson is being interviewed for **COPPER COMMANDO**. John is head of the Mill and Smeltermen's Union at Great Falls and works in the Electrolytic Copper Refinery there. He is giving his ideas on the war to Bob Newcomb, editor of **COMMANDO**. John believes that if we keep hammering away, and supply our boys with the materials they need, we will win the war soon.

The two pictures below struck us as interesting. Bob Nesmith, our chief photographer, was up at the Construction Shop in Butte and got hold of Archie Currie and Bill Fordmeir. Bob was accompanied that day by Les Bishop, staff photographer, and while Bob was taking a picture of the two painters, Les took a picture of Bob taking the picture. You can see Nesmith in the right-hand picture taking the shot. Archie has been painting for around forty years and has served with the Company for the last six. He was born in Collingwood, Ontario. Bill has been painting in Butte for thirty-six years. (Bill is the man at the right.)



Speaking of COMMANDOS

ONE of the brightest chapters in the war effort of the United Nations has been written by the British Commandos, a courageous group of men assigned to the task of raiding. Time after time the Commandos have hacked away at enemy fortifications, taking the Axis by surprise, and causing untold damage to enemy locations. A few months ago the counterpart of the Commandos was established for the American forces. We call our Commandos "Rangers" and these sturdy boys are schooled in the tradition of the British Commandos.

They must operate under the most trying of conditions, being prepared at a moment's notice to conduct an invasion into enemy territory, risking life and limb in order to sabotage enemy locations and to lay the groundwork when necessary for the invasion forces.

When the history of World War II is finally completed, the American Rangers will take their place beside the British Commandos for having carried the flag of freedom so ably.



Lieut. William Jarrett gets some training in mountain climbing



Here's how the American "Rangers" make a beach landing



A British Commando (left) and American Ranger enjoy a smoke



American Commandos make a beach landing under difficulties



"Rangers" must operate under heavy and unceasing shell-fire

ATHLETES, ATTENTION!



IN response to requests from all sides that the various mines at Butte form sports teams, the Butte Miners' Union Sports Committee has announced the formation of a Recreational Program.

The Sports Committee is informed that the WPA Recreation Project in Butte is now operating as a unit of the National Recreation Project. This project can only operate in defense areas and serves only armed forces and industrial workers in defense industries. The old Butte High gymnasium and pool is the center established for defense workers in Butte. Men working in the Butte mines are invited to use these facilities.

With the Winter setting in the Sports Committee feels that this is a fine time to organize teams among the different mines to see which is best. Competitions are being set up in the following sports: Volleyball, basketball, swimming and skating. Miners interested in any of these sports are urged to register at the Butte Miners' Union or with any member of the Sports Committee, comprised of David Reese, chairman, William Pickthall, secretary, John Larson, Joe Ferko, Arthur Hills, Victor Raub and Bill Ries, indicating which sport or sports interest them.

The Sports Committee hopes to have a volleyball team from each mine to start with.

The editors of COPPER COMMANDO dug down into their pants to provide a loving cup for the winning team, based on points earned. We are publishing a picture of the cup and hope that the best team wins it. (The girl doesn't go with the cup, boys, so take it easy.) Rules for winning the cup will be published in an early issue of COPPER COMMANDO. If the boys at Great Falls and Anaconda want a crack at COPPER COMMANDO cups, we'll guarantee them. But give the Editorial Board Treasurer a chance to collect some dough—we're down to 38 cents now.

Miners are urged to list their preference as to sports as soon as possible at the Union Hall or with the Sports Committee so that team organizers can be appointed at each mine and get the ball started rolling. COPPER COMMANDO has asked several miners in the past few days what they think of the idea of organized sports teams and the response has been fine. The COPPER COMMANDO cup will shortly be put on display at the Butte Miners' Union.

ON THE JOB

Here are some more fellows who are doing their part to beat the Axis by staying on the job.

The August War Bond winners include: John Dambrosky and J. D. Schwefel of the Badger; Ben Birch, Louie Nelson, Carl Eurick, Joe Stroup and Henry Sansouci, Leonard; Con McClafferty, Paul W. Betou and Alvin McNail, Steward; Frank C. Ewing, Mike Markovich and Alphonse Berard, Emma; Walter Gohman, High Ore; Charles Buckley, Herman Flanders, Charles Lingstorf and George Spolar, Tramway; E. A. Guthrie, Frank Schultz, Patrick Doran, St. Lawrence; William H. Tippet, Felix O'Neill, Peter Butcher, Joseph Lester, Mt. Con; Ed Hinch, Melvin Battens, Wallace Bushnell, Anselmo; Ben Wagner, Byron Price, Rafael Drazich, Eugene Dillon, Belmont; John T. Allen, Butte Mines Machine Shop; and Frank Putzel, Emma.

So They Say

Copper Chemicals Control

According to a recent article in "Journal of Commerce," copper chemicals were placed under complete allocation control by the War Production Board in order to conserve copper scrap from which they are made. Order M-227 lists copper covers, copper sulphate, carbonate, chloride, oxide, nitrate and cyanide. Allocation took effect Oct. 1. Small order deliveries may be made by certification from the purchaser to his supplier. Limits on these small deliveries are 450 pounds of copper sulphate or 25 pounds of other chemicals in any one month.

Banks Help the Cause

A recent item in the "American Banker" shows that banks can be a source of scrap collections. Every bank basement and storage room seems to have some old treasured junk which has been kept in the spirit of thrift.

At the New York Savings Bank, search of the premises turned up a ton of base metals, iron, copper, etc.

GET A PICTURE!

COPPER COMMANDO has arranged to furnish without charge an 8x10 enlargement to any person whose picture appears in the newspaper. Please indicate clearly what issue your picture appeared in as well as the page, so that we can identify it. It takes about ten days or two weeks to get the pictures so don't be impatient.

Address requests to COPPER COMMANDO, 112 Hamilton Street, Butte.

Lawyer Has Suggestion

Moses A. Bauer, a lawyer, writing to the "New York Times," suggests that "each lawyer should search his office for various seals of corporations which have gone out of existence. There should be thousands of such seals which are useless which weigh on the average almost two pounds and consist of lead, brass, copper and steel."

Lawyer Bauer says that he has at least ten corporation seals which he is donating to the "Victory Scrap Iron Pile."

NEW COMMANDO EDITORS TAKE OVER



THE other Sunday afternoon, the editors of COPPER COMMANDO were up to their necks getting the issue closed for the press. At this point three volunteer editors entered the office and suggested that they could really do a bang-up job in writing the copy and making the layout for the next issue.

Since the policy of COPPER COMMANDO is to accept help from all quarters and to use all practical suggestions, we called these three experts in and put them to work. They lined up at the bench and we supplied each man with a pencil and paper so he could get going.

Here we have a shot of the Messrs. Johnson, sons of "Tubie"

Johnson of the Mt. Con Mine, about whom we wrote in the last issue.

The two editors in the foreground handled the art work, Tubie, Jr., turning out a picture of a miner shooting a deer with a bow and arrow, which we hope to use some time. Butch, who is at the far end of the picture and is going on three years old, turned out a good editorial on the need for increased copper production. As soon as we are able to read it we will print it.

COPPER COMMANDO welcomes all editorial help and hopes that if you know anybody able to aid us in the publication of the newspaper you will bring him around to the office.

Change of Date

Effective with this issue, COPPER COMMANDO will appear at the middle, rather than at the end of the week. This eases the burden on the printers and on the mail carriers—the mail boys have given up their Saturday afternoons in the past to get the COMMANDO to you, and we're not going to ask them to do it any more.

War conditions make delivery dates tough to meet—things come up you don't figure on. But we'll do our level best to get the newspaper to you, and know you will understand if something makes us late.

We're still trying to get our mailing list straight. If you know of anyone who should be getting the newspaper and isn't, you'll do us a big favor if you'll let us know.

See you again in a couple of weeks.

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There's No Place Like Home . . .

LAST year, Americans lost 7,800 lives and burned up \$290,000,000 worth of property by preventable fires.

Burning occupied dwellings—mostly working people's homes—caused a loss of.....	\$ 90,700,000
Burning mercantile establishments.....	72,500,000
Burning manufacturing establishments.....	44,300,000
Burning public buildings.....	14,900,000
Burning miscellaneous buildings.....	65,400,000
Outdoor fires.....	2,200,000

Grand Total.....\$290,000,000

Stop this waste of life and property—begin now!
Clean up dried grass and dead leaves about the premises.

Check over electrical equipment, and make indicated repairs.

Clean up rubbish, and take care of paints and oils which might ignite spontaneously.

Repair chimneys and heating equipment.

Stop carelessness with smoking materials, matches, cigarettes, etc.

Take care of hot ashes. Keep combustible material away from heating appliances.

Use only safe cleaning fluids, and keep tightly covered.

Teach children to be careful with matches and fire.

Keep fire-fighting equipment in order, and learn how to call the fire department in case of fire.

WE ARE AT WAR. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO REBUILD FIRE-DAMAGED HOMES THIS YEAR.

WE CAN NEVER REPLACE THE LOSS OF HUMAN LIVES DUE TO FIRES.

ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO OF THE VICTIMS OF FIRE LAST YEAR WERE CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE. THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO OUR PROTECTION!